

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended. Fair support for the recitation in Claim 1 of “for carrying fluids from a wellbore” is at page 8, lines 18-22 of the published PCT application. Fair support for the recitation in claim 1 that the “sidewall has a thickness and the influx ports have a diameter which is less than about 1.5 times the thickness” is in claim 2 of the PCT application. Fair support for the recitation in claim 1 of “said influx ports opening directly toward the longitudinal axis of the tubular” is at page 6, lines 17-20 of the published PCT application.

Claim 2 has been amended. The added limitation is supported at page 10, line 24 of the published PCT application.

Claims 10 and 21 have been amended by deletions and making reference to earlier claims.

No new matter is presented.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 11-13 have been rejected under 35 USC 112 for depending on missing claims. The listing of claims hereinabove includes claims 1-10. These claims were apparently overlooked by the patent office when the US application was lodged under 35 USC 371 due to the different procedure used when claims are amended under the PCT. Claims 1-10 have always been a part of the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction has been required between claims 14-20 (Group I), said to be drawn toward multiple completion using concentric tubing, and claims 21-25, (Group II) said to be drawn to angular well perforations.

Claims 14-20 are provisionally elected.

Claims 1-13 are directed toward the nonelected Group II invention.

Claims 14-20 are readable on the elected invention.

Conclusion

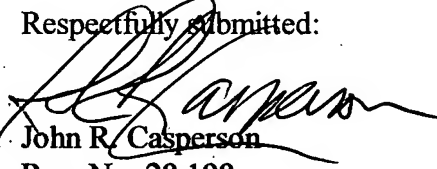
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and early notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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